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- REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.**”

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 6-7, and 10-12 have been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) An expression vector comprising a polynucleotide according to claim 4 ~~and~~ operably linked to a regulatory sequence.
7. (Amended) A host cell transformed with a polynucleotide of claim 4. ~~of claim 5.~~
10. (Amended) A method of vaccinating a patient against a Streptococcal infection, which method comprises administering to the patient an effective amount of a polypeptide as defined in claim 1. ~~or a vaccine composition according to claim 2 or 3.~~
11. (Amended) A vaccine composition comprising a polypeptide as defined in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
12. (Amended) A polypeptide according to claim 1 ~~or a vaccine composition according to claim 2~~ for use in generating a protective immune response in an individual to a streptococcus.